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SUBJECT: ECONADS: UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF SOVIET
MERCHANT FLEET REPORT

REFS: (A)STATE 139885; (B)STATE 143113

1. WE INFORMED ECONADS AT JUNE 7 MEETING OF US WILLINGNESS TO DOWNGRADE TEXT OF C-M(78)24 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TABLE 6. UK REP STILL HAS RECEIVED NO GUIDANCE FROM LONDON BUT IS FOLLOWING UP.
2. WE ALSO SOLICITED FURTHER INFORMATION ON SOVIET CONTROLLED SHIPPING AGENCIES IN THE WEST, AND WILL FORWARD ANY INFORMATION WE RECEIVE. THERE WAS NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT FROM OTHER ECONADS.
3. AS NOTED USNATO 5830 WE SUGGESTED THAT ECONADS HOLD A FURTHER REINFORCED MEETING ON SOVIET MERCHANT FLEET IN MID-JUNE 1979. IN VIEW OF NUMBER OF COMPETING TOPICS, HOWEVER, IT WILL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER FEW WEEKS BEFORE FINAL CONTENTS AND TIMING OF ECONADS 1978-79 WORK PROGRAM BECOMES CLEAR.

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4. ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT UK AUTHORITIES WILL AGREE WITH DOWNGRADING OF C-M(78)24 WITHOUT FURTHER AMENDMENTS (EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY PROPOSE SOME FURTHER DELETIONS) WE TRUST WE CAN CONCUR IN FINAL ISSUANCE OF THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION WITHOUT THE PREPARATION OF AN INTER-MEDIATE "DRAFT TO BE DECLASSIFIED". SHOULD THE UK PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE TEXT WE WILL SUBMIT CHANGED PORTIONS FOR

WASHINGTON APPROVAL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON PARA 4 BY JUNE 14 IF
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